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Today's Topics:

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htx-202 audio mod (?)  
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WARNING UPDATE: Satellite Anomaly Warning Update

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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official  
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

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Date: Tue, 22 Feb 1994 15:55:12 -0500  
From: ncar!gatech!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!neoucom.edu!news.ysu.edu!psuvm!cunyvm!  
rohvm1!rohvm1.mah48d@ames.arpa  
Subject: AIDS testing on Amateurs  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <761933299snx@skyld.grendel.com>, jangus@skyld.grendel.com  
(Jeffrey D. Angus) wrote:

>> URGENT IMPORTANT AIDS NEWS FLASH!!  
>>  
>> IVE JUST LEARNED THAT WAYNE GREEN THE PUBLISHER OF 73 AMATEUR RADIO TODAY

>> HAS PRINTED PAMPHLETS  
>> EXPLAINING PROPER USE OF 2 SIMPLE ELECTRONIC CIRCUITS  
>> WHICH HAVE SHOWN PROMISE IN DISABLING  
>> AND POSSIBLY CURING THE HIV VIRUS.

If this is a joke, it is in \_very\_ poor taste. If the original author was serious (or if Wayne is serious...I guess that's possible) then our descent into a technological dark age has accelerated frighteningly. No wonder people believe RF causes cancer!

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73 de John Taylor W3ZID  
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Date: Tue, 22 Feb 1994 22:19:02 GMT  
From: agate!howland.reston.ans.net!wupost!csus.edu!netcom.com!marcbg@ames.arpa  
Subject: ARLB020 SM election results  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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ARLB020 SM election results

ZCZC AG84  
QST de W1AW  
ARRL Bulletin 20 ARLB020  
>From ARRL Headquarters  
Newington CT February 22, 1994  
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB020  
ARLB020 SM election results

Ballots have been counted in Section Manager elections for North Carolina, Pacific. Their terms of office begin April 1, 1994.

The results are as follows:

In the North Carolina Section  
Eugene Ribas, Jr N4UMI, 179  
Carl Smith, N4AA, 675  
Reed Whitten, AB4W, 726  
Whitten was declared elected.

In the Pacific Section  
Chester Koga, NH6YW, 113  
Bob Schneider, AH6J, 141

Schneider was declared elected.

Six other Sections were not contested. The following were declared elected.

In the Eastern New York Section  
Paul Vydareny, WB2VUK

In the Eastern Pennsylvania Section  
Robert Stanhope, KB3YS

In the Louisiana Section  
Lionel Oubre, K5DPG

In the San Diego Section  
Patrick Bunsokd, WA6MHZ

In the South Dakota Section  
Roland Cory, W0YMB

In the Virginia Section  
Edward Dingle, N4KSO

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Date: Tue, 22 Feb 1994 22:26:04 GMT

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Subject: ARLX008 Invitation to Cuba

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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ARLX008 Invitation to Cuba

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QST de W1AW

Special Bulletin 8 ARLX008

>From ARRL Headquarters

Newington CT February 17, 1994

To all radio amateurs

SB SPCL ARL ARLX008  
ARLX008 Invitation to Cuba

#### Invitation to Cuba

The Cuban Amateur Radio community has invited American amateurs to participate in a joint operation with Cuban amateurs in the 1994 ARRL June VHF QSO Party.

ARRL Oklahoma Section Manager Joe Lynch, N6CL, was invited to lead the group, during a visit to Cuba the week of February 7. The operation would take place from Bellomonte. Officials of the Federacion Radioaficionados de Cuba (FRC) said they also have taken under consideration a proposal from an American group for a joint operation from Cuba on the HF bands in 1995.

Lynch, in Cuba for a week as a member of a Methodist Church work team, extended greetings from ARRL officials, presented FRC President Ing. Pedro Rodriguez, C02RP, with a certificate of participation for the June 1993 ARRL VHF QSO Party, and also presented an author's certificate to Arne Coro, C02KK, for his article in December 1993 QST.

Lynch's informal meetings with FRC officials were publicized on radio, television, and in the print media.

Joe Lynch is VHF editor of CQ Magazine and also is editor of the QCWA Journal.

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noc.near.net!transfer.stratus.com!sw.stratus.com!fms@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: Dayton parking

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

oo7@astro.as.utexas.edu (Derek Wills) writes:

> pat.wilson@pplace.com (Pat Wilson) reports:

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> >>I have heard many, many, many from this area who are not interested if  
> >>they have to walk everywhere. Seems the buses would make them a small  
> >>fortune if they were circumspect. Oh well.  
>  
> This sort of conjures up the stereotype of the ham who is too lazy  
> to get out of his operating chair and walk somewhere. Someone once  
> told me that Real DXers[tm] have country counts equal to their weight  
> in lbs.  
>  
> From what I've seen of the typical hamfest ham, most of them could  
> do with a bit more walking around.  
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>  
> Derek "cab!" Wills (AA5BT, G3NMX)  
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Well, yeah, it does sort of conjure up that stereotype.

But even Daytonites don't walk.

Last year at Dayton, we were staying at the Radisson (with the rest of the RTTY types!). After an afternoon of wandering around the show, I had myself a craving for a bit of orange juice. I'd have ordered from room service, but I wasn't about to pay that kind of money for simple OJ. I checked at the gas station right there at the Radisson -- no luck. I asked at the front desk if there was some place I could go. They suggested a mall down the street. Having no car, I asked them if the mall was within walking distance. Their answer was to strongly suggest that I NOT walk along the road, no matter how far I was going, because the road was DANGEROUS. Of course, I DID end up walking along the road -- across the street and down to the convenience store a half-block down. No death or dismemberment, but it wasn't a good time, either (no sidewalk except across the I-75 bridge, rushing traffic, etc.)...

I'm personally hoping that the Radisson is going to be running shuttles to the show, because I don't relish sitting in the traffic jam (which happened last year, even with loaded busses) for an hour or more in a Standard-Shift vehicle, and it's WAAAAAY too far from the Radisson to walk, even if the road wasn't 'DANGEROUS', as the folks at the Radisson claim.

73 de Faith "It's HOW far???" N1JIT

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Curiosity doesn't flourish among the burned-out...

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Date: 23 Feb 94 00:22:01 GMT  
From: nprdc!ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!math.ohio-state.edu!hobbes.physics.uiowa.edu!newsrelay.iastate.edu!news.iastate.edu!  
sknapp@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: FT530 dtmf decoding  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

David Willmore <willmore@iastate.edu> wrote:

>>DTMF Decoding

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>>A nifty little "feature" that isn't mentioned in the manual.

>>Steps to follow:

>>1) tune to the freq you want to monitor and turn on the code squelch

>>2) press Function-Page(Code) to select a code memory

>>3) dial up to memory #7

>>4) watch the dtmf's scroll by as they are heard by the radio!

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>Sorry, but it's in the manual. :) IMHO, the manual is very poor, but,  
>from the Icom manuals I have seen, well above par for the course.

The manual says something about the last 3 DTMF digits being displayed in memory 7, but did not mention the fact that it scrolls! :)

My old Icom manuals had more pictures and charts than my FT-530 book does. I liked that. The FT-530's manual is also incorrect in a few places, REALLY annoying. Oh well...still a good radio...

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Vice President Cyclone Amateur Radio Club  
Durham Center Operations Staff

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Date: Tue, 22 Feb 1994 12:51:18 -0500  
From: ncar!gatech!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!neoucom.edu!news.ysu.edu!psuvm!cunyvm!  
rohvm1!rohvm1.mah48d@ames.arpa  
Subject: Help wanted  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <1994Feb17.123246.20415@oxvax>, laczik@vax.oxford.ac.uk wrote:

> I am thinking about getting a Kenwood TS-440S or a Yaesu FT-757GX.

> I would be most interested to hear about your experience with either  
> of them, or even better a comparison between the two.

I've got a TS-440S-AT about which I have mixed feelings (but \_mostly\_ good). As a mobile rig and for general all-round use, it's nice; it has some problems with a high-QRM environment like a contest that might be improved by more filtered stages or something. It's got adequate selectivity from the 500-Hz filter on CW, but a really strong nearby signal can "pump" the AGC (that's a new term I saw here recently, but it certainly describes the effect well). Be nice if you could just shut off the AGC completely.

Quality control has been something of a problem. When I got it, the CPU died; it went back to the shop for a couple of months, they fixed and returned it, and the same thing happened again. Finally they said the problem was a bad socket for the CPU; they replaced that (but they'd had it for about four of the first six months I owned it), and it's worked fine ever since (five or six years, now). The other problem has been poor contact on the oscillator board. The oscillator that covers 20 meters quit working; I did a bit of troubleshooting, and tracked it down to a cold joint on the board. I re-soldered it, and 20 has been fine ever since. But the oscillator for 10 meters just recently did the same thing; I haven't had a chance to do the troubleshooting yet, but I don't expect it to be a serious problem to fix. One good thing is that you can get to the circuits fairly easily.

It lacks an output/input for a transverter; this is annoying me right now, as I'd like to use it as an IF for 2 meters and 70 cm. If that's not a concern, ignore the comment.

In its defense, I should add that I use it hard, dragging it in and out of the house, and operating it from the car. It runs off a car battery nicely at reduced power for emergency operation, and has enough bells and whistles to (almost) keep me happy.

Get one with the built-in antenna tuner. When I bought it, I was really looking for one without it--big mistake in hindsight. I'm really glad I could only find the ones \_with\_ the tuner.

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73 de John Taylor W3ZID  
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Date: Tue, 22 Feb 1994 21:32:50 GMT  
From: olivea!news.bu.edu!inmet!panther!leber@ames.arpa  
Subject: Honda ignition recall - now NOISE!!

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I'd like to hear other opinions about this also. My 1988 Acura Integra (another Honda product, for those who may not know) has exhibited a fair amount of ignition noise since it was new. It's not coming through the power cord, as it exists even on battery operated rigs.

I've had them check everything they could, and replaced the distributor cap and rotor. I also had the 'ignitor' replaced on recall (whatever that is). It's still pretty noisy on my 2 m. HT and scanner.

Any ideas? (other than get rid of the car, I mean)

Cheers,

Tom

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"Smother technology and it rebels." - Max Headroom

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Date: 22 Feb 1994 22:32:28 GMT

From: ncar!gatech!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!cleveland.Freenet.Edu!aa813@ames.arpa

Subject: Honda ignition recall - now NOISE!!

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In a previous article, baxter@kuhub.cc.ukans.edu () says:

>This past month, Honda sent out a recall notice for their 90-91 Accords.  
>They were wanting to replace a part in the distributor which failed when  
>the car got high mileage.

>I had this recall work done on my car a couple of weeks ago, and now have  
>terrible ignition noise on 2 meters and 440. Before this work had been  
>done, the ignition had been really quite quiet -- now it is nearly  
>unbearable.

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>One fellow ham said the thought that he'd read something about this on packet  
>or in one of the ham magazines.

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>Has anyone else had this problem? The local Honda folks seem lukewarm about  
>fixing this problem they created, probably because theyt really don't  
>understand it.

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>Any one dealt with Honda about this problem?

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>Thanks.



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>Kirk Baxter, N0FPZ/VK1KU

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>

I believe the part in question is the IGNITER. It looks like a large two-bladed fuse. I have a 1990 Civic which was nice and quiet until I had Honda tune it up. Then it was noisy. That went on for about 7 months. Then the darn thing failed. No warning. It just quit.

I got the igniter replaced and the noise went away.

I suggest that you suggest to Honda that they try another igniter and see if that cures your noise problem.

Hope that this solves your problem and that it does not fail on you.

73, Joe N8IPC

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Date: 23 Feb 94 08:10:36 GMT  
From: nprdc!ihnp4.ucsd.edu!ucsnews!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!ukma!news2.uunet.ca!iceonline!icebox!janc@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Honda ignition recall - now NOISE!!  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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>and rotor. I also had the 'ignitor' replaced on recall (whatever that is).  
>It's still pretty noisy on my 2 m. HT and scanner.

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>Any ideas? (other than get rid of the car, I mean)

Yes. Have them replace your ignition wires with low-noise type. I believe that they are sometimes called Silicon Ignition Wires - but I may be wrong. When I replaced the wires on my Bronco II, it made a world of difference.

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janc@icebox.iceonline.com : If you eat a live toad first thing in the  
: morning, nothing worse will happen to you all  
: day.  
: To you or the toad.  
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Date: Tue, 22 Feb 1994 20:52:42 GMT  
From: oucsace!att-out!cbfsb!cbnews!cbnewst!cbnewsm!hellman@sun.com  
Subject: htx-202 audio mod (?)  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <ah301-210294080950@sy\_j.pgh.wec.com>, ah301@yfn.ysu.edu (Jerry Sy) writes:

> I recently got an htx202 and since I've been using it, I have gotten  
> signal reports that my audio is low. someone mentioned that radio  
> shack will do an audio circuit mod for free if it is under warranty.  
> anybody here knows what the mod is ? and if it can be done without  
> taking it to the RS service center which is open only at a very  
> inconvenient time.  
>  
> jerry  
> N3RKD

As I understand it, early models had the audio deviation pot set too low and the touch tone deviation set too high. The settings produced low audio and DTMF tones were not accepted by repeaters. I also noticed that the same early models had a different default frequency when reset as well as some strange additional defaults that are changed when programming. I do not know where the pot's are that must be adjusted. Has anyone bought the service manual? I believe audio deviation is normally about 3.5 KHz and DTMF deviation is ~2.5 KHz.

73 Shel Darack WA2UBK dara@physics.att.com

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Date: 22 Feb 94 12:51:44 MDT  
From: agate!dog.ee.lbl.gov!hellgate.utah.edu!cc.usu.edu!sltmw@ames.arpa  
Subject: QSL Bureau help (Stupid question)  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Stupid question time!!

I can't remember the protocol for getting QSL cards from the Bureaus. Can some kind soul remind me what size SASE to send, if I should include money, or just stamps, etc.....

I am just now getting back into HF, so I should have a decent set of wallpaper waiting...

Thanks and 73!

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Daniel D Holmes                   "                   " - Marcel Marceau  
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Date: 23 Feb 94 06:12:36 GMT  
From: news.Hawaii.Edu!uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu!jherman@ames.arpa  
Subject: RFD: rec.radio.pendantic  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <761852750snx@skyld.grendel.com> jangus@skyld.grendel.com (Jeffrey D. Angus) writes:

>In article <CLJo0C.9t6@news.Hawaii.Edu> jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu spews:  
>  
> [ nothing of importance as usual ]  
> >  
> > Jeff NH6IL  
> >  
>  
> For Christs (sic) sake Jeff. Give it a f\*\*\*\*\*g rest.  
>

OUCH! My goodness, Jeff; no need to get so upset.

> I voted for Bush both times, how about accusing me of murder since I had  
> a hand in electing the Commander in Chief that ordered Desert Storm?  
>  
> By the way, lists of frequencies used by various agencies are published  
> in books and magazines in most electronics type stores. How about telling  
> me that Radio Shack promotes jamming the police. Heh?

Context. Context is everything. Go back and check it yourself and you'll see why I got upset at the original poster.

My last comment on this (Ha!) is: Don't fly at night, for that's when the pilot of your aircraft will be trying to use 6 MHz.

73 to you Jeff,  
Jeff NH6IL                   [looks like I'm talking to myself...]

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Date: 21 Feb 94 19:05:40 GMT

From: nprdc!ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!  
newsxfer.itd.umich.edu!nntp.cs.ubc.ca!alberta!fantom!crs-sys!ersys!adec23!ve6mgs!  
usenet@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: WARNING UPDATE: Satellite Anomaly Warning Update  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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UPDATED: 15:00 UT, 21 FEBRUARY

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ATTENTION:

Protons at greater than 10 MeV peaked at 10,000 pfu shortly after the arrival of a large interplanetary shock front at 09:00 UTC which measured 93 nT at ground-levels. Protons have since fallen and are expected to fall below event levels of 10 pfu by the end of the UTC day.

Geosynchronous satellites are experiencing magnetopause crossings and can expect to see additional magnetopause crossings throughout the remainder of this UTC day. This disturbance is fairly energetic.

\*\* End of Warning \*\*

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Date: 22 Feb 94 21:31:27 GMT  
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cs.utexas.edu!utah-morgan!hellgate.utah.edu!cc.usu.edu!sy\_j.pgh.wec.com!  
user@network.ucsd.edu  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <steve.761771155@netsys.com>, <1994Feb22.122512.18239@afit.af.mil>,  
<1994Feb22.160515.24890@isc-br.isc-br.com>u  
Subject : Re: Passed General written, how long do I have to pass code?

In article <1994Feb22.160515.24890@isc-br.isc-br.com>,  
bruceo@loki.isc-br.com (Bruce Oscarson) wrote:

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> I passed my General written exam a while back, but was only able to  
> copy 5 wpm.  
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> Does anyone know how long I have to pass the 13 wpm before I have to  
> take the written exam over again?  
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>  
> Thanks....  
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>  
> bruceo@loki.isc-br.com  
> N7RWO  
> --

where I took my exams, if you do not pass the codes, they don't let you  
take the written exams (makes sense). So your being able to take the  
written exam without the 13 wpm is something new to me.

N3RKD

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Date: 23 Feb 94 06:06:38 GMT  
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To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <CLC8su.DCt@news.direct.net>, <2jubh6INN125@abyss.West.Sun.COM>,  
<RqzI+RX.armond@delphi.com>wsxf  
Subject : Re: John Ramsey

In article <RqzI+RX.armond@delphi.com>, <armond@delphi.com> wrote:

>Dana Myers <myers@cypress.West.Sun.COM> writes:

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>> \* This Extra supports the abolition of the 13 and 20 WPM tests \*

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>This Extra supports the abolition of those who support the abolition of  
>the 13 and 20 WPM tests.

This Extra supports the abolition of delphi posters from the net.

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rohvm1!rohvm1.mah48d@ames.arpa  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <steve.761771155@netsys.com>, <1994Feb22.122512.18239@afit.af.mil>,  
<1994Feb22.160515.24890@isc-br

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> copy 5 wpm.

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> take the written exam over again?

Your Certificate of Successful Completion for the General written is good  
for one calendar year from its date of issue (the day you took the exam).  
Keep studying on the 13 wpm--you'll get there.

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73 de John Taylor W3ZID  
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End of Info-Hams Digest V94 #195

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